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Application No.: 10/776,160)	
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For: ELECTRICAL EVAPORATOR WITH)	
RATCHETING WICK ADJUSTER	:	July 1, 2004

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449 (two sheets). Since this application was filed after June 30, 2003, copies of the listed U.S. Patents and/or Published Patent Applications are not being provided herewith, pursuant to current U.S. Patent and Trademark Office practice. Copies of all other documents cited on the PTO-1449 forms are enclosed.

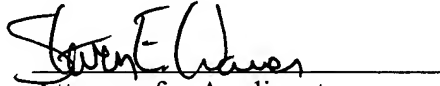
The four sheets of drawings of a Three-Position Adjuster cited on the Form PTO-1449 are drawings of a device that was supplied by Zobe Industries Chimiche S.P.A. to S.C. Johnson & Son Brazil, in 2001. Applicant submits that the Three-Position Adjuster was not patented or described in a printed publication in the U.S. or a foreign country, and was not known, used, offered for sale, or sold in the U.S. prior to the filing of the subject application.

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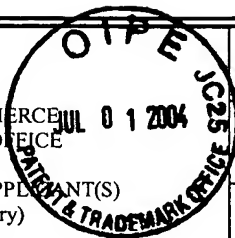
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Four sheets of drawings of a Three-Position Adjuster, 2001, pages 1-4.

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